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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL
SATELLITE VERIFICATION AGENCY

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1. US REP (WEILER) DISCUSSED FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE VERIFICATION AGENCY WITH SOVIET DEPUTY PERMREP (FOKINE) FOLLOWING CLOSELY INSTRUCTION IN PARAS 1 AND 2 OF REFTTEL. FOKINE TOOK CAREFUL NOTES DURING PRESENTATION OF US VIEWS.

2. FOKINE'S RESPONSE WAS CAST IN A MORE GENERAL TREATMENT OF FRENCH INITIATIVES. HE SAID SOVIETS WERE SKEPTICAL OF ALL FRENCH PROPOSALS, SUCH AS INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND SATELLITE VERIFICATION AGENCY THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED DURING PREPCOMS AND AT SSOD. HE SAID FRENCH PROPOSALS IN GENERAL WERE IMPRACTICAL; AT THE SAME TIME, SOVIETS WERE PLEASED THAT FRENCH SEEMED TO BE
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MOVING INTO THE DISARMAMENT MAINSTREAM AND WANTED TO ENCOURAGE THIS MOVEMENT. HE SAID SOVIET DEL HAD BEEN REPORTING VARIOUS FRENCH SSOD PROPOSALS TO MOSCOW WITHOUT EXPECTING ANY FEEDBACK BECAUSE THEY WERE SO IMPRACTICAL AND WERE NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY. HE SAID THE INTERESTED PEOPLE IN MOSCOW HAD MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS TO OCCUPY THEIR TIME. WHEN WEILER COMMENTED THAT SOVIET

DEL MUST HAVE SOME INSTRUCTIONS ON PROPOSALS BEFORE SSOD, FOKINE SAID THAT SOVIET DEL WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN BRACKETING FRENCH SATELLITE VERIFICATION PROPOSAL OR OTHER FRENCH INITIATIVES FOR THE REASONS HE HAD INDICATED.

3. FOKINE SAID HE WOULD PUT THE SPECIFIC US QUESTIONS ON SOVIET VIEWS TO MOSCOW BUT DID NOT EXPECT AN EARLY REPLY BECAUSE THE FRENCH PROPOSAL WAS NOT THAT IMPORTANT COMPARED TO OTHER SSOD QUESTIONS. WEILER ASKED FOKINE TO TRY TO GET AN EARLY RESPONSE BUT FOKINE WAS SKEPTICAL, COMMENTING THAT US TOOK THE FRENCH PROPOSAL TOO SERIOUSLY. HE SAID HE WAS SURPRISED AT THE AMOUNT OF ANALYSIS THE US SEEMED TO HAVE DONE ON THE FRENCH PROPOSAL WHICH AFTER ALL WAS JUST A FRENCH EFFORT "TO MAKE A SPLASH." WHEN ASKED WHAT VIEWS SOVIETS HAD GIVEN FRENCH ON THE PROPOSAL DURING THEIR MOSCOW CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FRENCH PRIOR TO THE SSOD, FOKINE SAID FRENCH HAD NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY EAGER TO DISCUSS IT AND THAT DISCUSSIONS HAD FOCUSED ON DISARMAMENT MACHINERY QUESTIONS. LEONARD

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